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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV)

VISIT TO CUBA

REF: CARACAS 11749; CARACAS 12556

1. SUBJECT VISIT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 16. FRANCISCO OLIVO, PRESIDENT OF THE CTV, WHO HAD BEEN SLATED TO LEAD THE DELEGATION, DIED ON DECEMBER 21, 1974. HIS PLACE WILL BE TAKEN BY EX-CTV PRESIDENT JOSE GONZALEZ NAVARRO, WHO RECENTLY REJOINED ACCION DEMOCRATICA (AD) (CARACAS 12503). CTV SOURCES REPORT PRIVATELY THAT THE DELEGATION WILL TAKE A LIST OF CUBAN TRADE UNIONISTS STILL JAILED ON THE ISLAND AND WILL INSIST THAT THEIR CUBAN LABOR CENTRAL (CTC) HOSTS GIVE AN ACCOUNTING.

2. COMMENT: ALBEIT THAT AD HAS MINORITY REPRESENTATION ON THE DELEGATION AND THE CTV PLANS TO BRING UP THE SENSITIVE ISSUE OF TRADE UNIONIST POLITICAL PRISONERS WITH THE CTC THIS IS AN OFFICIAL CTV VISIT TO THE CTC. THUS LABOR, AS OTHER SECTORS OF VENEZUELAN SOCIETY, TRENDS TOWARD MORE CONTACT WITH CUBA AND CUBAN INSTITUTIONS.
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